

15 February 2019

Dear Parents,

The chill of winter seems to be lifting. I hope that this is not lulling us into daring to believe that winter is behind us and spring has sprung.

As much as I enjoy seeing the arrival of spring it does fill me with a degree of trepidation. This is based upon the number of days left before our Year 13 embark on their A level examinations. We could draw some similarities to the Brexit countdown in that some students, due to hard work and endeavour are self-assured that they will succeed whilst others seem to be running the gauntlet of disbelief that the D-day will be soon upon us. Unlike Brexit we do have a greater number of days to address short-comings that have become apparent since the mock examinations.

Sport

The Footballers and Rugby players all took to the field on Wednesday. Our footballers lost whilst our rugby players won. Daniel W and Adam M have written the following reports.

Stockport School (A)

We travelled up to Stockport for a game against Stockport School. We knew that it would be a difficult match as Stockport had played 8 games and all the players had played together for a while.

We decided to start the game off with a 4-2-3-1 formation and it was a brilliant opening 20 minutes for Liverpool College who attacked the ball ferociously and Jacob T closed down the defender and slotted it home to make it 1-0. The lead was short with Stockport taking advantage of a possible offside decision which was not given and converting the chance to make it 1-1. After some brilliant tackling from Jay B and Max E we managed to string a few passes together with Adam S linking with Cheung and then releasing Ben Jones down the right only for the defenders to crowd him out. Stockport then managed to score a second not long after. The score was 2-1 and half time and the coach decided to bring on Ste R to help push the team and he made some brilliant passes and dribbles and had two close chances at goal. This then was followed by some great play by Jak W down the left linking with Jago. Liverpool College kept pressing for an equaliser but Stockport managed to withstand the pressure and pushed up with a few passes leading to a goal. We all fought till the very end but it didn't go our way. We can be proud that we carried on until the end which showed great character from all the lads. Many thanks to Mr Griffith and Mr Cooke who took us all there.

Oswestry (A) 24-5

After about five weeks out of action for our first team it was necessary for the lads to get back into the routine of going away from home and grinding out a victory against a strong opponent.

It was obvious that the coherence wasn't at the same level it was at a couple months previous, but that's understandable when the team hasn't played together for over a month. Nevertheless, our individual quality was ever present and domination in the scrums and line outs prevent the home side from ever really threatening our lead.

What was especially encouraging to see was the future stars of the team get a decent run out. All the year 11s in the squad getting at least twenty minutes on the field, which will do their confidence a lot of good before they step up full time to the senior team next year.

Tries: Chris C (x2), Rhys H, Adam M Man of the match: Matty B

JR Tolkien Film

You might recall that some of our current Year 13 boys and I spent a day during the October half term in 2017 acting on the set of the film about JR Tolkien. Our role was to act as Edwardian rugby players (I was the referee) replicating a rugby match between Oxford and Cambridge before the Great War. The film will be released on May 10th 2019. I have included a photograph of me on the set.

Rather irreverently one of the boys, upon seeing my outfit, remarked 'when are you getting changed into your costume?' I think he was making reference to an Edwardian outfit being my normal apparel.

Let us hope that we made the Director's cut!



Palm House Workshop

On Monday many Sixth Form artists enjoyed a return to nature as their artistic endeavours took them to the Palm House to stretch the boundaries of their mind-set.

The Workshop Leader, Patrick McDowell, a graduate from Central St Martins, is a former student of Miss McWatt. His placement year was spent at Burberry. Patrick was sponsored by the British Fashion Council, Burberry, Swarovski and Oakley for his final year and collection. Patrick's work has been published in Vogue Italia and Elle magazine and he has dressed celebrities such as Rita Ora.

Sustainability is at the core of Patrick's practice. He strives to reinvent luxury through a sustainable mind-set using reclaimed fabrics, organic yarns and ethically produced materials. He is a strong advocate for reducing fashion's global impact through designing with moral practice.

Heather C's report highlights what a pleasing day it was for all involved.

Patrick gave us a very interesting talk and then showed us examples of his work. We then went to the Fairy Glen in Sefton Park to do sketches and blind drawing ie when you look at what you are drawing and not the paper. With the studies we completed outside we then created garments and accessories out of leaves and branches from the Palm House compost heap to make it sustainable. It was a wonderful experience to meet such an experienced designer and we gained a lot from the day. Our thanks to Miss McWatt and Patrick McDowell.



Wilton Scholars

Mrs Doran was in full action with the Year 12 Wilton Scholars. Their Employability Workshop was extremely engaging and very popular amongst all those who attended. Faye H has written her account of the day.

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of approximately 30 Year 12's took part in an employability workshop organised by a company called IGD who provide training for pupils for going into the world of the work and an insight into the food and grocery industry.

The workshop was split into two halves. Before lunch, it was centred on informing us about the food and grocery industry specifically. This involved meeting volunteers from Asda to learn all about their roles within the company and the many other roles available. As neither of us have looked into the food and grocery industry before whilst considering options for future employment, this half of the workshop was very eye-opening and we found out about lots of jobs that we didn't even know existed beforehand.

The second half, which happened after lunch, was a more general look into beginning work, particularly focused on the interview process and being 'employable'. After a quick discussion about the most important things to consider when preparing for an interview, we started by taking on the position of interviewer, firing questions at the volunteers about their experiences of school, interviews and work.

The roles then reversed and we became the subject of the interview. We were given a job description for an apprenticeship role within a food organisation with five minutes to plan answers to common interview questions, including competency-based ones, using techniques that we had been taught. Finally the interview process begun, and we were interrogated for three minutes by our volunteer interviewer before receiving feedback from them and the rest of the group.

Despite being a nerve-wracking experience we definitely feel more prepared for the interviews that we will inevitably have to face in the not so distant future and are more ready than ever to enter the world of work. Thank you to Mrs Doran and IGD.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

From Mr Leeder, Assistant Head of Sixth Form:

I will be collating a full list of all Year 12 EPQ titles and their Supervisors immediately after half term.

- Most students should now have had their initial meeting with their supervisor to help narrow down their idea into a working title for their project.
- The logbook has been sent to every student via their school e-mail address.

Half term represents the perfect time to make progress on the research needed for a successful project as well as a chance to begin to formally plan the actual project itself.

Classics Trip:

From Dr McNamara, Assistant Head of Sixth Form:

There are a handful of places left on the Classics trip to Rome, which is open to all Year 12 students.

- The form was e-mailed to parents last week.
- If students haven't returned their form yet, this must be done immediately.
- Dr McNamara will be booking the trip over the half-term break.

E-mail Dr McNamara at jmcnamara@liverpoolcollege.org and the deposit can be paid on ParentPay.

Don't miss this fantastic trip!

Attendance

Please continue to encourage regular, punctual, attendance. Students should be in school by 8.20 am, registering at 8.25 am.

Parents must telephone or e-mail the **House Administrators** directly regarding the rationale behind any absence.

Please use the College telephone number 0151 724 4000 then key in the appropriate extension number for your son/daughter's House:

Butler's & Selwyn's (ext 3232)

Brook's Howson's (ext 3247)

School & Howard's (ext 3280)

INSET

On Monday 25th February our students will enjoy an extra day away from school as the staff are involved in an INSET.

We look forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday 26th February.

I wish you and your family a very pleasant half term.

Kind regards,

Stephen Brady
Head of Sixth Form